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My name is Terry Murphy and I am a past board member of the Montana Stockgrowers and current President of the Western Montana Stockmen's Association. Our ranch is in St. Ignatius or more specially Post Creek. We are in the heart of grizzly country and I can tell you that they are a real issue. I have a Power Point photo document from this summer illustrating how grizzlies killed my three year old herd sire. The tribal bear guy said the bull died of natural cause so they would not have to take action. Talking to Wildlife Services they tell me that the state might be worse than the tribe about covering up bear kills. We lost a bull, cow, calf, and have four calves that disappeared this summer. From the middle of July until early November we had grizzlies around our buildings. I saw a couple occasions two sows each with two cubs together. At the same time other neighbors saw as many as nine bears at the same time. Also are you aware that in May a grizzly over a period of a couple of weeks killed 23 dairy calves west of Charlo. Yes I said west, far away from the Missions.

Thank you for sponsoring this legislation it is badly needed.

Terry Murphy